ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The final date for requesting cost-share assistance under the 1977 ACP was Monday, January 31. As of that date the ASCS office had taken 101 requests. I have heard that a good many producers had wished to signup under the program, but didn't because they were not able to get soil samples. The ASC Committee has decided to extend the signup period and give every one a chance to get their requests in. The signup period will be extended to Feb. 16, 1977. If you wish to request cost-share assistance for seeding, limeing and fertilizing practices, but still cannot get soil samples, come in and signup anyhow. You can get your soil samples at a later date. The important thing is to get your requests in now.

TOBACCO LEASE AND TRANSFER

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Present for a surprise retirement dinner honoring Leonard Earl Beasley on Saturday night were, left to right, E. R. "Bud" Shelton, Superintendent, Forest Roads; Mrs. L. E. Beasley; Mr. L. E. Beasley, Forest Roads Foreman, retired; and Mr. Ralph J. Batholomew, Assistant State Forester, Virginia Division of Forestery.

L. Earl Beasley Honored On Retirement

Leonard Earl Beasley, Forest Roads Foreman, Virginia Division of Forestry, retired January 31, 1977 after more than thirty years of service. Employed on March 16, 1946, by what was then called the Virginia Forest Service, Beasley began his service as Assistant Roads Foreman, working with E. E. Garber, Unit #1, headquartered at the Farmville District Office. After working only a few weeks there, he was transferred to the great Southwest as Assistant Roads Foreman. He was then transferred to the Salem District after one year and his next move was back home to take over as Forest Roads Foreman until 1968 when he returned to Salem as Forest Roads Foreman. Beasley remained in Salem where he continued his work until his retirement. He served under E. R. Shelton, Superintendent.

Beasley was honored on Saturday night with a surprise dinner given at Maudes Restaurant in Appomattox. Members and families of the Virginia Division of Forestry were present, representing many areas of our state. He was presented gifts from fellow employees after the meal.

Mr. Edwin E. Rodgers of Charlottesville, Forestry Relations, presented Mr. Beasley with a Thirty-Year Certificate for faithful service and devotion to duty, along with a 30-year pin. Rodgers portrayed Beasley as gentle, good natured and always offering.

Mr. Ralph J. Bartholomew, Assistant State Forester, after commending Earl for his devotion to his work, presented him with a certificate of appreciation signed by Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. for service rendered to the Commonwealth of Virginia by unselfishly giving of his time, energy, and talent to his endeavor to protect and improve the forests of Virginia.

Beasley is married to the former Frances Thomas Wooten and they reside in the Town of Appomattox. Mrs. Beasley was also presented a gift of luggage from the employees of the Virginia Division of Forestry.

Beasley states that his plans for the future include being active in fishing, hunting and maybe a little travelling in "better weather".

Large Crowd Hears Former Pastor

An estimated crowd of 350 members and friends attended the special service held at the Baptist Union church near Dillwyn, Va. last Sunday morning to hear the former pastor, Rev. James Franklin of Bluefield, West Virginia. The service was sponsored by the Trustee Board of the church for the benefit of the building fund. The message delivered by Rev. Franklin was enjoyed by every one. The chairman of the trustee board thanked the pastor and all the members and friends who helped to make the program successful spiritually and financially.

The special service held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning was well attended. The pastor delivered a very challenging message on the theme: "Stewardship". Beautiful music was rendered by the Junior and Senior choirs. Several visitors from Mount Airy, Morning Star, Canaan, Chestnut Grove and Mount Shiloh were present. The service was sponsored for the benefit of the widows of the church. The offereing was very good.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. At 3 P.M. the senior choir will go to the Zion Baptist Church to sing for the first anniversary of the Pastor's Aid Club. The young minister, Brother, R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will deliver the anniversary message. Members and friends are invited to attend.

The members and friends are reminded of the musical program to be given at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the second Sunday evening in February at 7 P.M. The program will be given by The Golden Voice Singers of Altavista.

Funeral services for the late Mr. James Henry Marshall were conducted at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church Monday evening at 2 P.M. The pastor of the church officiated and delivered the eulogy. Burial was held in the family plot in the church cemetery. The West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral service for the late Mr. James Jordan was conducted last Saturday at the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church. The Rev. R. E. Berryman officiated and delivered the eulogy.

Mrs. Patsy Franklin spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Will Atkins. The funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Patsy Cobbs Lyle, which will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church Monday at 2 P.M. Interment will be held in the church cemetery.

Miss Clarice Venable spent the afternoon with Miss Sybil Franklin here after returning from the special service at Baptist Union Church.

We hope Mrs. Alma Davis will soon recover. She is the aunt of Mrs. P. C. Franklin.

Let us unite in prayer for all who are suffering as a result of the very cold weather.

To all of our members and friends, please remember our first anniversary service this Sunday evening at 3 P.M. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Modessa Jordan has returned home after receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. Walter Jones has returned home after receiving treatment in the Lynchburg Hospital.

The executive board of the Hasadiah Baptist Association held its planning meeting at First Baptist Church in Lynchburg last Saturday.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Alfred Thornton in Baltimore. He was the son of Mrs. Nellie Thornton Morgan. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Miss Rebecca Tibbs of Alexandria, Va. is spending some time here with her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Tibbs.

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visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family Sunday.

We are still having very bad and cold weather but not as bad as some of the other states. We pray that relief will come soon.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Bessie Torrence and Mrs. Hazel Harvey are patients in the Lynchburg General Hospital. We pray that each may soon be feeling better.

We are very sorry Mrs. Scott Sheets is still on the sick list. We pray she may soon be feeling better.

We are so happy to hear last week that Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin had improved some. We pray she may continue.

We were very sorry to hear that Haywood Woodall of N. C. is very ill in the McGuire Hospital in Richmond. Our prayers are with him and his love ones. He is the son of Mrs. Audrey Woodlall of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family have moved to their new home in Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Craft & Kristie of Salem visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

We were very sorry to hear Mr. W. W. Robinson's brother, Mr. Floyd Robinson of N. C. died last week. Our sympathy is extended his love ones.

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Then And Now

By Frances H. Paulette

Part II "Mattie Mott" Reflects

"Mattie Mott" shown with her late husband, Joseph Mott Harvey and granddaughter, Judy Mayberry. This picture was taken in August of 1959 when the Harvey's lived on the farm just out of Evergreen. Looks like they had a good yield that year!

The weather getting you down? It is a bit discouraging, I'll admit. Even my Siamese cat will agree with that!

Just the other morning I put her out for her usual morning "constitutional", and poor thing, she was a comical sight! She'd never seen anything like this weather in all of her nine years. Though she seemed to know exactly where she wanted to go, her legs offered no cooperation! Each foot seemed determined to go in a different direction - - - a frustrating experience. I could just imagine her saying to herself, "the heck with bathroom privileges on a day like this!"

So what if it is a bit colder than usual and on the rough side, it probably got even worse than this in the days of THEN.Get comfortable, if you will, close your eyes, and let your mind go wandering - - - way back, to 1912. The weather was worse then, than now, according to Mrs. J. Mott Harvey, 86, of Evegreen, Virginia.

"I now pronouce you husband and wife" - - - the solumn words of the Rev. Pat Warren, brought to a close the ceremony that had just been performed in the parsonage at Pamplin, Virginia on that cold, cold, Feb. 14 in 1912.

The couple, only a short time into the beginning of a long, and beautiful life together was Joseph Mott and Mattie Clark Harvey.The couple from Mattie Clark to Mattie Harvey, however nice, presented a bit of a problem; now there was more than one Mattie Harvey. Something had to be done about that, so, in order to avoid a mix-up, her friends began to refer to her as "Mattie Mott" and the name has stuck all through the years.

With heavy snow and ice covering the roads and making travel extremely hazardous, the newly-weds had cause for worry. In order to assure a safe journey from Pamplin to their honeymoon home, Mr. Harvey drove nails into the shoes of the horses, thus giving the horses a hold on the ice and snow so they could safely pull the buggy home.

Their first home was a house on the old Fleshman farm between Red House and Evergreen, where they lived for the first nine months of their marriage.

"Mattie Mott's" next home was a log cabin on the farm owned by her father near Evergreen; here she would remain for the greater part of her 61 years of marriage. Seven years before Mr. Harvey's death at age 85 on November 27, 1973, they moved into a modern home they owned in the village of Evergreen where Mrs. Harvey still resides.

Though life in the log cabin was a far cry from farm living as we know it today, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were one of the happiest couples I have ever known. A deep faith in God, good friends, fertile farm land to produce crops and food for the family and a spring under the hill bubbling with pure water made them indeed rich.

For many years the Harveys had no electricity on the farm, but that didn't really bother them. A big cookstove in the kitchen cooked the meals that "Mattie Mott" had prepared. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren still look forward to her homemade biscuits. She told me that she has never used a canned biscuit!

With the family meal out of the way, and the wash spanking clean and blowing in the breeze, "Mattie Mott" might have had time to sit down, "rest a spell" and call one of her friends. While conveniences as we know them today were few, the Harvey's had a telephone, though service was indeed limited. They could call as far "down" as Pamplin, and as far "up" as Evergreen. If it became necessary to call beyond these given points, you called one of these places, depending on where the call was going and it was relayed by the operator from there.

Each household had its own "ring". For instance, one house might have one long ring and two short rings, while yet another would be three short rings and so on. When the phone rang for any particular house it was heard all up and down the line! Just imagine the frustration of a young man trying to talk to his girl! Kind of cramped his style, wouldn't you say?

While farming was the main means of support for the family, Mr. Harvey was also the service and repair man for the community phone line, and from time to time he worked at the sawmill.

Though the horse and buggy had proved to be a dependable, if slow, means of transportation, the Harveys required a pick-up truck in 1945. Mr. Harvey kept his truck until his death in 1973.

Mrs. Harvey well remembers her daughters, Fayetta, Thalia, and Josie making a playhouse down by the spring under the trees. They already had a table down there and on this particular day they decided to carry down dishes and food for the midday meal. A visiting friend remarked "I'll bet your Daddy won't come down to the playhouse and eat after working in the hot field all day." "Just wait and see", answered his daughters with confidence. And they were right! Meeting their father as he came in with the team of horses from the field, he agreed to be their guest. Mr. Harvey and his daughters enjoyed a very special, warm relationship.

Being exceptionally young looking for her age, I asked her about any illnesses or accidents that may have beset her over the years. Would you believe it--she has broken her left arm three times! Being thankful that it wasn't her right arm, she kept right on going strong. She has never had a complete physical; she remarked, "I've made it to 86 without one, so I guess I don't need one now!"

"Mattie Mott" has always put God first. She and her husband were always in church, whether they had to walk, ride a school bus (which went up the main road to accomodate those who otherwise wouldn't have had a way to church) or ride in the pick-up. Mr. Harvey served as a deacon in Evergreen Baptist Church for fifty years. He taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Some of Mrs. Harvey's most rewarding hours have been spent in the Sunday School Class of beginners that she has taught for thirty-six years.

No matter how often you visit "Mattie Mott" you'll never hear her criticize her fellowman. I mentioned this to her; she replied, "when you are pointing one of your fingers at someone else in criticism, look at your hand and you'll see three fingers pointing back at you." She is right, you know. Try it and see!

To spend some time with "Mattie Mott" means to come away uplifted, refreshed and a little bit wiser. A gracious lady who lives each day with complete faith in God, love for her family, friends, and neighbors, enjoying the days of NOW and holding dear many happy memories of the days of THEN!

1976 FOREST FIRES DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF FIRES FOR 1975

The number of forest fires in Southside Virginia's timberlands has been high this year. The number of fires was more than double the number in 1975 and well over the 5-year average number of 161 fires per year.

The Farmville District of the Division of Forestry, covering eleven counties in this area, has had 308 fires which burned 11,741 forested acres and 1,718 acres of fields, compared to 120 fires covering 323 forested acres and 73 acres of fields in 1975.

Forest Wardens who enforce the forest fire laws reported only 41 violations of the spring 4 P.M. Burning Law. Cooperation from the public in reporting fires and a quick attack by volunteer fire departments, forest wardens and volunteers, kept the average size of the fires to a low figure of 3.3 acres.

Amelia County had 16 fires burning 24 acres. Amherst County had 25 fires burning 127 acres. Appomattox County had 15 fires burning 31 acres. Bedford County had 33 fires burning 79 acres. Buckingham had 29 fires burning 104 acres. Campbell had 51 fires burning 106 acres. Charlotte had 49 fires burning 147 acres. Cumberland had 24 fires burning 144 acres. Lunenburg had 34 fires burning 113 acres. Nottoway County had 18 fires burning 93 acres and Prince Edward County had 23 fires burning 51 acres.

Attention-Leaders And Scouts

The Non-Profit Scout Closet in Concord has need of Scout uniforms - expecially cubs. If you know of any out-grown or unused scout gear, please let us know what you have and price desired. Perhaps we have something you need. We do have a few Girl Scout and Brownie items, but may not try to keep a supply due to lack of demand - Telephone 1-993-2839.

VIRGINIA FIBRE LISTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending January 23, 1977. Wood purchases are listed by counties as follows:

Albermarle	1,538.23
Amelia	73.88
Amherst	3,684.35
Appomattox	9,124.74
Augusta	
Bedford County	1,632.11
Buckingham	14,584.10
Prince William	561.11
Campbell	3,927.39
Charlotte	3,515.44
Cumberland	1,370.02
Goochland	316.64
Nelson	5,570.44
New Kent	2,037.71
Pittsylvania	1,942.66
Prince Edward	2,095.84

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in surrounding counties.

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The Youth Club program that was suppose to be on Feb. 6th is cancelled until a later date.

Regular preaching service second Sunday, Feb. 13 - 11:30 a.m. Rev. C. L. Elliott is pastor in charge. The Junior Choir to render the music.

Please come and worship with us.

Reports For Duty

January 31--Marine Private John E. Jamerson, Jr., son of Gwendolyn G. Jamerson of Route 1, Box 245, Pamplin, Va., has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in August, 1976.

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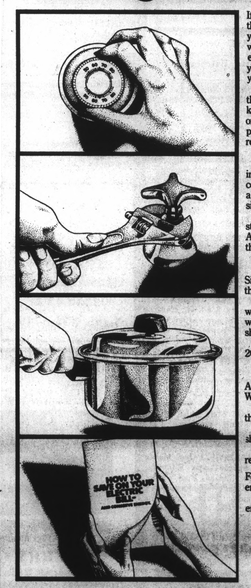
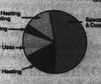
The biggest ways to save energy this winter are right at your fingertips.



If you really want to save energy—and keep your bills down—start with the things that use the most. As the chart shows, more than half of the energy you use in your home goes to heat it, whether your home uses gas, oil or electricity. So the more of this energy you save, the more you can save on your heating costs.



Begin by putting your finger on those heating costs. You can do this by keeping your thermostat set at 65 degrees or less during the day—and turning it back five or ten degrees at night. (Heat pump users should not set back their thermostats at night as the morning recovery period will offset the efficiency of continuous operation.)

Another tip?

Make sure you have plenty of insulation. Six inches in ceilings and three inches in floors and walls are the minimum you should have—nine inches in ceilings and six inches under floors are desirable. (If you are planning to build a home, look into the new construction techniques that will permit you to put six inches of insulation in outer walls.)

Storm windows and doors pay for themselves in energy savings. Weather stripping and caulking are also good, inexpensive ways to keep in the heat. And if you're building a new home or changing your heating system, consider the heat pump—one of the most efficient ways available to heat your home.

DON'T LET MONEY GO DOWN THE DRAIN.

Since water heating is the next biggest winter energy consumer, look at these ideas.

Set your hot water heater no higher than 140°F. Do only full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher. When you're doing the laundry, use cold water to do the job whenever possible. And to save even more, take a quick shower instead of a tub bath. Surprisingly enough, you'll use a lot less water.

Also, fix those leaky hot water faucets. One drop per second adds up to 200 gallons a month. And that's a lot of hot water and money down the drain.

COVER POTS WHILE COOKING.

And when it comes to cooking in the oven, try cooking in double quantities. What you don't use right away, you can freeze for later use.

Use countertop cooking appliances or a microwave oven if you have them instead of your electric range. They usually use less electricity.

Keep refrigerator door opening to a minimum. And when you do open it, shut it as soon as possible.

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